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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday 7 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	53rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	54th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)
   (c) Amendment (A/55/L.26/Rev.1)
   (d) Amendment (A/55/L.27)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity : report of the Secretary-General (A/55/498) [27]

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/215)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.24/Rev.1)

4. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/55/L.3) [36]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85] (A/55/453, A/55/261-265, A/55/373 and Add.1, A/55/392-S/2000/874, A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/C.4/55/L.17-L.21)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	49h meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109] (A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471, A/55/472 and A/55/506-S/2000/1006)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

2. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.34, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.43, L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58 and L.59

3. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [114 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.38 and L.42.

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109] (A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471, A/55/472 and A/55/506-S/2000/1006)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management [123] (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2)

   Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514)

   Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116) (A/54/793 and A/55/499)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme planning [118] (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19 and A/C.5/55/20)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda items 116 and 123 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General and officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (A/54/695 and Corr.1 and A/54/710 and Corr.1)); and 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19 and A/C.5/55/20))

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 160 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States)

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 7 November 2000, there will be a meeting of interested delegations on the following draft proposal, in Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule of this consultation.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information *today*, 7 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in room S-1027.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 7 November 2000

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Chairman of the Global Environment Facility)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS
(consultations of the whole on the right to development and the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 92 (b) (Commodities) and (c) (External debt crisis and development))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.-10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 99 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2000)) and 92 (c) (External debt crisis and development))

6 p.m.-10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States *today*, 7 November 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with civil society will continue *today*, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-8497). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/hear_panel_list1.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

Informal consulations with interested delegations under agenda item 174 (The role of the United Nations in promoting a New Global Human Order), organized by the delegation of Guyana, will be held *today*, 7 November 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	55th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/409)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.20)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

Morning*	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to provide an update on "The Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative" under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Manager, HIPC Implementation Unit, World Bank, and Ms. Dorris Ross, Division Chief, Policy Development Review Department, International Monetary Fund, as a contribution to the Second Committee debate on financing for development and macroeconomic issues, particularly external debt.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday and Thursday, 8 and 9 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing on the annual report of the Office for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, for interested delegates, on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Office of the Special Co-ordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a briefing for African and other interested delegations on the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (documents A/55/350 and Add.1). The briefing, will be held on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 3 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 45th meeting

The meeting was suspended, after which the meeting was adjourned.

46th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.11/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contains no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Malta, Malawi, Namibia, Paraguay, the Republic of Moldova and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Statements of a procedural nature were made by the representatives of Pakistan, France and the Libyan Arab Jahamariya.

A suggestion to postpone action on the draft resolution was made by the representative of the United States, which was supported by the representative of Kenya.

In accordance with rule 120 of the rules of procedure, the Chairperson ruled that she would permit discussion on the draft resolution to continue.

Statements of a procedural nature were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Kenya.

There was no objection to her ruling.

The representative of Jordan read out proposed amendments to the revised draft resolution, after which statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Netherlands and Pakistan.

The representative of Mali spoke on a point of order.

The representative of the Netherlands requested a recorded vote on the oral amendments proposed by the representative of Jordan.

Before the vote on the oral amendments, statements were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, Norway and the Republic of Korea) and the United Kingdom.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee then rejected the oral amendments by a recorded vote of 22 to 80, with 24 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba and Pakistan.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Jordan, Mexico, Egypt, Indonesia, Cuba, Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, Kuwait and India.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 120 to none, with 25 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of China, Bangladesh, Oman, Ethiopia, El Salvador and the United States.

Also after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and France (on behalf of the European Union).

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.13/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contains no programme budget implications.

The representative of Algeria orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Brunei Darussalam, the Maldives, Thailand and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway and the Republic of Korea), France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Chile and Jordan.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of work.

Monday, 6 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

52nd plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537 and Corr1) [3]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 13 of its first report (A/55/537 and Corr.1) (resolution 55/16).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) *Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr.1)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)*

(c) *Amendment (A/55/L.26)*

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 1999.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.25.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/55/L.25 contained in document A/55/L.26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey), Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and Bolivia and Chile), the Philippines, Ukraine, India, South Africa, the Czech Republic, Viet Nam, Cuba, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Indonesia.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 17th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/55/453, A/55/261 to 265 and A/55/373 and Add.1).

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/55/473). The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Jordan, Cuba, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic and Qatar.

Statements were made by the observers for Palestine and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Israel made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in the exercise of their right of reply were made by the representative of Israel and the observer of Palestine.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.4/55/L.17 to L.21 relating to agenda item 85.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Chairman drew members' attention to the revised draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1, as well as on the revised programme budget implications contained in document A/C.4/55/L.9/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 83.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.16 relating to agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in which the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guinea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Angola, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Burundi, the Sudan, Morocco, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda, Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Congo and Croatia took part.

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/55/L.33

The Chairperson drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/55/L.33 containing programme budget implications of the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria announced that Austria, Croatia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/55/271.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 107.

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt announced that Angola, Argentina, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Iceland, India, Saint Lucia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lesotho joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 147 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, the Russian Federation, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Liechtenstein), as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.29

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Azerbaijan, Ghana, Honduras, Portugal, Tunisia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Haiti, Kenya and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.30

The Secretary read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark announced that Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malta, Poland and Sierra Leone had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Colombia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

48th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), the United States, the Sudan, Norway, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Japan and Cuba, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement in which she informed the Committee that on Tuesday, 7 November, at 3 p.m., it would hear the introduction of the following draft proposals: under item 109: A/C.3/55/L.21; under sub-item 114 (b): A/C.3/55L.34, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.43 L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58, L.59 and L.60; under sub-item 114 (c): A/C.3/55/L.38 and L.42.

The Committee would then aim to take action on those draft proposals on Wednesday, 8 November, at 3 p.m., as well as on the following draft resolutions: under item 110: A/C.3/55/ L.18/Rev.1; under item 112: A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1, L.26/ Rev.1, L.27/Rev.1 and L.63; and under sub-item 114 (a): A/ C.3/55/L.31/Rev.1.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Sir John Bourn, introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1 to 12 and A/55/364).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/487).

The reports of the Secretary-General were before the Committee in documents A/55/80 and Add.1 and A/55/380 and Add.1.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway) made a statement.

The representative of Canada also made a statement.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 115.

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116)

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement.

Following a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management in response to questions raised during the course of the discussion of the item, follow-up comments were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Chile, Cuba, Algeria and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Inspector Fatih Bouayad-Agha of the Joint Inspection Unit also made a statement and replied to a question raised.

Programme planning [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Cuba, Indonesia, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Ethiopia and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2000

1896th meeting

The Committee adopted four amendments to the rules of procedure in closed session.

The Committee thus concluded its work for the seventieth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Lithuania (2 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Portugal (30 October 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special programme

A special programme on "A New Approach to Flexibility: Managing the Work/Time Equation", sponsored by the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the United Nations, will be held on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Brewster (tel.: (212) 963-8590) or Ms. Chang (tel.: (212) 963-8370).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	55th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/409)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.20)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/54/670, A/54/839, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/305-S/2000/809, A/55/507 and Add.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 12 noon	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. *Introduction of the following draft proposals:*

Sectoral policy questions [93]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.20

(d) Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23

Training and research [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.9 and L.11 (item 95)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.16 (item 100)

[Meetings of interested delegations in Conference Room D: from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.: A/C.2/55/L.14 (item 95 (e)); and from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.: A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a))]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109] (A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471, A/55/472, A/55/545* and A/55/506-S/2000/1006)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.35, L.43, L.47, L.48, L.52, L.56 and L.60*

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.1, L.49, L.50 and L.64

3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1, L.26/Rev.1, L.27/Rev.1 and L.63

5. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58 and L.59

6. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.38

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. International Civil Service Commission twenty-fifth Anniversary

Statement by the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission

Statement by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115] (A/55/5 (Vols. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vols. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/ 55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

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* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.5

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.3 et L.4 submitted under agenda item 163 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the role of the Organization)

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

Morning*-1 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Mini-executive session on the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

2. Review and assessment of the asbestos problem at the United Nations and management of asbestos-containing materials at overseas buildings at Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi and at the locations of the regional commissions

3. Facilities management/Overseas properties management

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to provide an update on "The Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative" under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, *today*, 8 November 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Manager, HIPC Implementation Unit, World Bank, and Ms. Dorris Ross, Division Chief, Policy Development Review Department, International Monetary Fund, as a contribution to the Second Committee debate on financing for development and macroeconomic issues, particularly external debt.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 8 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 8 November 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on agenda items 94 (c) (Culture and development))

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on agenda items 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and 101 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) *today*, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 32 (United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, *today*, 8 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing on the annual report of the Office for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, for interested delegates, *today*, 8 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Office of the Special Co-ordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a briefing for African and other interested delegations on the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (documents A/55/350 and Add.1). The briefing, will be held *today*, 8 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	56th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/172 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.7)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 9 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

53rd plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr. 1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)

(c) Amendment (A/55/L.26/Rev.1)

(d) Amendment (A/55/L.27)

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Lithuania, Belarus, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Peru.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.25 and the amendments thereto would be taken on Friday, 10 November 2000, as the last item.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/498) [27]

Statements were made by the representatives of Togo (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Senegal, Egypt, Algeria, Japan, Tunisia, Nigeria, Norway, Ethiopia and Namibia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, the observer for the Organization of the African Unity made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution on this item would be submitted at a later date.

54th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/215)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.24/Rev.1)

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/55/L.24/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan and Jamaica.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991, the observer for the Caribbean Community made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.24/Rev.1 (resolution 55/17).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/55/L.3) [36]

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.3.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 36.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Afghanistan, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Cyprus, Burkina Faso, Qatar, Norway, Egypt and Israel.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the same meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.3 (resolution 55/18).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Ghana, Senegal, Malaysia, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Oman, Brunei Darussalam, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Israel and France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer of Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee agreed, on the proposal made by the Chairman, on the revised proceedings to be followed at its next meeting relating to agenda item 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), to be held the following day, 8 November, in the morning, and also agreed to begin the general debate on the item in the afternoon.

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, Belarus, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Guinea, Mexico, Venezuela, Australia, Togo, Ukraine and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

50th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 109.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.34

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as India, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.36

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Honduras and South Africa, introduced the draft resolution, and announced that the United States of America had withdrawn as a sponsor.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.37

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Botswana, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, India, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Swaziland, Togo and Vanuatu, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.39

The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.40

The representative of Romania, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Iceland, Malta, Mongolia, South Africa and Togo, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.41

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan, India and Peru, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on a point of order, after which statements were made by the representatives of Ireland and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.44

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Eritrea, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.45

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Honduras, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.46

The representative of Belarus made a statement announcing the withdrawal of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.53

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, introduced the draft resolution and announced that Ireland was not a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.54

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Morocco, New Zealand, the Philippines and Poland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.55

The representative of Peru, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Thailand, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.57

The representative of Botswana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China and the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan, Mexico and New Zealand, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.58

The representative of Botswana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.59

The representative of Botswana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.38

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Poland and the United States of America, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Angola, Nepal, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Ecuador, China, Austria and Mali.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that the Committee would aim to take action on the following draft resolutions on Wednesday afternoon, 8 November: under item 109: A/C.3/55/L.21; under item 112: A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1, L.26/Rev.1, L.27/Rev.1 and L.63; under sub-item 114 (b): A/C.3/55/L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58 and L.59; and under sub-item 114 (c): A/C.3/55/L.38.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 47th meeting of the Third Committe (see *Journal* No. 2000/216, p. 11): Under *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32* (item 113), the text should read as follows:

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt announced that Angola, Argentina, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Iceland, India, Saint Lucia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lesotho joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 147 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia and Canada.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, the Russian Federation, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Liechtenstein), as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116)

Following a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management in response to questions raised during the course of the discussion of the item, follow-up comments were then made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, India, Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 8 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Aizaz Chaudhury (Pakistan).

Programme planning [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, India and Cuba.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

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Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material. Geneva, 7 November 1952

Accession: Mexico (7 November 2000)*

Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Bangkok, 27 March 1976

Accession: Samoa (6 November 2000)*

Amendment to article 11, paragraph 2 (a), of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Bangkok, 13 November 1981

Participation by virtue of accession to the Constitution: Samoa (6 November 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Tonga (3 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special programme

A special programme on "A New Approach to Flexibility: Managing the Work/Time Equation", sponsored by the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the United Nations, will be held *today*, 8 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Brewster (tel.: (212) 963-8590) or Ms. Chang (tel.: (212) 963-8370).

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DPI/NGO Briefing

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	56th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/172 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.7)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/54/670, A/54/839, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/305-S/2000/809, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.20 (item 95 (b)), 55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and L.23 (item 95 (g))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland) on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

2. Training and research [97] (A/55/14, A/55/473, A/55/369 and Add.1 and A/55/510)

   Introducion and general discussion

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25

[Meeting of interested delegations in Conference Room D: from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: A/C.2/55/L.6 (item 95)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.66, L.67, L.68, L.69 and L.70.

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.2, L.51/Rev.1 and L.62/Rev.1

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.18/Rev.2

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.31/Rev.1

5. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.34, L.35, L.40, L.43, L.44, L.52 and L.60*

6. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.49, L.50, L.64 and L.65

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Outsourcing practices and Procurement reform (A/55/301, A/55/479, A/55/127, A/54/866 and A/55/458))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agenda item 160 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States)

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Common services
2. Internal and external printing practices of the Organization
3. Executive session on the review and assessment of the asbestos problem at the United Nations and management of asbestos-containing materials at overseas buildings at Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi and at the locations of the regional commissions
4. Executive session on facilities management/overseas properties management

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 9 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 9 November 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on trade and development)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 92 (c) (External debt crisis and development), 93 (b) (Business and development) and 99 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 9 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the MASON Group (First Committee) *today*, 9 November 200, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held *today*, 9 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 45 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina) will be held *today*, 9 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 9 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, scheduled for *today*, 9 November 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., have been *cancelled*.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 57th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: draft resolution (A/55/L.6) [180]

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/350 and Add.1) [30]

3. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [44]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/387)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.28)

4. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)

   (b) Amendments (A/55/L.26/Rev.1, A/55/L.27, A/55/L.29)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2001 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet on Friday, 10 November 2000, at 10 a.m.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet from 14 to 16 November 2000, in Conference Room 7, as follows: Tuesday, 14 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (10th meeting), to hear the following sanctions experts: Professor Serhiy Berezovenko, Ukrainian Institute for International Relations, Kiev National University; Dr. Tono Eitel, Ambassador and former Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; and Professor Tim Niblock, Head, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (London); Wednesday, 15 November, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (11th meeting), to hear Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III) and representatives of the Secretariat; and Thursday, 16 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting), to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

55th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/409)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.20)

The representative of India made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/55/L.20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Norway, by H.E. Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights and National Minorities of the Parliament of Ukraine and former President of the General Assembly, and by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Germany, Senegal, Indonesia, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Australia, Iraq, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Malta, Brazil, Egypt and the Russian Federation.

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/55/L.20, as orally revised (resolution 55/19).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 26.

Organization of work of the fifty-fifth session [8]

The General Assembly decided to extend the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) until Friday, 17 November 2000.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

A dialogue took place with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, in which the representatives of Jordan, Canada, India, Japan, Croatia, Ethiopia, Australia, Egypt, France, Norway, Zambia, Ghana, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Bolivia, New Zealand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria took part.

On the proposal of the Acting Chairperson, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

20th meeting

The Committee began its general debate on agenda item 86 and heard statements by the representatives of Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Croatia, Malaysia, China, Mozambique, Norway, France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), South Africa, Egypt, Peru, Zambia, Japan and Indonesia.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed, on the proposal by the Chairman, to take action on the draft resolutions relating to agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 85 (Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) on Friday, 10 November, at 3 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Sectoral policy questions [93]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.20

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Training and research [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Haiti, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Malta, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey and Zambia.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central And Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the other associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Belarus, Japan, Ukraine and Indonesia.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

At the request of the representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee agreed to extend the deadlines for submission of the draft proposals under item 93 (b) (Business and development); item 100 (Globalization and interdependence); item 94 (a) (International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade), and item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) to Monday, 13 November, at 6 p.m.

Additional co-sponsors

The Committee was informed that Mongolia had become a co-sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4.

The representative of Kazakhstan informed the Committee that Bulgaria, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in co-sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 51st and 52nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 51st and 52nd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/219).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 24th meeting

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Civil Service Commission

Statements were made by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee and by the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Civil Service Commission.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Mauritania (on behalf of the African States), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Asian States), Slovenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Sierra Leone, Malawi, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Cuba, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Argentina.

The Chairman of the Fifth Committee and the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made concluding remarks.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, Cuba, the Republic of Korea and China.

The Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines, on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Auditors, replied to questions raised.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement regarding the late issuance of documentation.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Ayman M. Elgammal (Egypt).

Other matters

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 118, made a statement.

The Committee agreed that the Chairman of the Fifth Committee address a letter to the Chairperson of the Third Committee, through the President of the General Assembly, inviting that Committee to revert to the consideration of programme 19 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 relating to human rights, with a view to submitting, before 17 November 2000, concrete recommendations to the Fifth Committee on that programme.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.5

Belarus, Bolivia, Botswana and Saudi Arabia joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.5.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Ratification: Kuwait (3 November 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 9 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4217th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

12 noon	4218th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

3.30 p.m.	4219th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1443rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2001 PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 57th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/350 and Add.1) [30]

2. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [44]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/387)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.28)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: draft resolution (A/55/L.6/Rev.1) [180]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/54/670, A/54/839, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/305-S/2000/809, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1)

General debate

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84] (A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.16)

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85] (A/C.4/55/L.17 to L.21)

THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 54th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 55th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.66, L.67, L.68, L.69 and L.70

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.27/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.41, L.47/Rev.1, L.48/Rev.1, L.52 and L.56/Rev.1

4. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.2, L.51/Rev.1, L.62/Rev.1 and L.64

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/55/L.61

6. Closure of the work of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/C.5/55/16))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly [171]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.13

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [154]

Action on the draft decision A/C.6/55/L.10

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 and Corr.1

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations

2. Draft report

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 10 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals, as follows

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)), from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.8 (item 94 (d)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m..

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MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 10 November 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 100 and 173)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 94 (d))

3.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 97, 92 (c) and 93 (b))

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 10 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 10 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 13 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 58th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/492 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, Russian and Spanish only))

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.30)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Briefings by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, followed by informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Briefings by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Co-ordinator, and Ms. Diana Russler, Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, on the security and safety of humanitarian personnel, followed by informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Educa-

tion of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet from 14 to 16 November 2000, in Conference Room 7, as follows: Tuesday, 14 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (10th meeting), to hear the following sanctions experts: Professor Serhiy Berezovenko, Ukrainian Institute for International Relations, Kiev National University; Dr. Tono Eitel, Ambassador and former Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; and Professor Tim Niblock, Head, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (London); Wednesday, 15 November, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (11th meeting), to hear Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III) and representatives of the Secretariat; and Thursday, 16 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting), to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st and 52nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 51st and 52nd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/220).

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

56th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/172 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.7)

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Myanmar, the United Republic of Tanzania, Mexico and Viet Nam.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.7.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Malaysia, Angola, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Venezuela, Antigua and Barbuda, Iraq, Zambia, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia, China and Zimbabwe.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the United States.

By 167 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.7 (resolution 55/20).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and Bolivia and Chile), Norway, Japan, Canada and Australia.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Committee continued its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Slovakia, Australia, the United States, Nigeria, India, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Botswana, Brazil, Uruguay, Kenya, El Salvador, Chile and the Republic of Korea.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on agenda item 86 and heard statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Mongolia, Israel, Jamaica, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Cyprus, Poland, Thailand, Canada, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Nepal, Ethiopia, Haiti, Rwanda and Algeria.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Training and research [97]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the United Nations Staff College.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Haiti (on behalf of CARICOM countries), Pakistan, Lesotho (on behalf of SADC countries), Jordan, the Republic of Korea and Bulgaria, and by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25

The representative of France introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hungary, Honduras, iRAN (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, the Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under item 97 was Friday, 10 November, at 6 p.m..

Additional sponsors

Additional sponsors were announced to draft proposals as follows: A/C.2/55/L.4: Argentina; A/C.2/55/L.11: United States of America; and A/C.2/55/L.16: Brazil.

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/220.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Results-based budgeting

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/456 and Add.1-5).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/543).

Inspector Andrzej Abraszewski of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of that Unit (A/54/287).

The comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit were contained in document A/54/287/Add.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Norway, New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand and also on behalf of Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu), Japan and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes. Sofia, 31 October 1988

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes. Geneva, 18 November 1991

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions. Oslo, 14 June 1994

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Belgium (8 November 2000)*

Convention on Biological Diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Ratification: Liberia (8 November 2000)*

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN). Geneva, 25 May 2000

Signature: France (23 October 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Security Council Working Group on the Brahimi Report

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	59th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/492/Rev.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.30)

Briefings by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, followed by informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information [87] (A/55/21 and A/55/452)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.24 and L.25 (item 97) and L.3 (item 92 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.6 (item 95) and L.14 (item 95 (e))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/C.5/55/526)

   United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164] (A/55/37, A/55/179 and Add.1 and A/C.6/55/L.2)

Status of the Protocole additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.15

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 13 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.2 (item 92 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/436), covering the activities for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000. The informal briefing will take place on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (c))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda items 92 (c) and 97)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations *(at the ambassadorial level)* with land-locked developing countries and transit developing countries, organized by the delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	60th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/523) [15 (b)]
2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft decision (A/55/L.4) [18]
3. situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/55/L.31) [45]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet from 14 to 16 November 2000, in Conference Room 7, as follows: Tuesday, 14 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (10th meeting), to hear the following sanctions experts: Professor Serhiy Berezovenko, Ukrainian Institute for International Relations, Kiev National University; Dr. Tono Eitel, Ambassador and former Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; and Professor Tim Niblock, Head, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (London); Wednesday, 15 November, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (11th meeting), to hear Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III) and representatives of the Secretariat; and Thursday, 16 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting), to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held, under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu of Cameroon, on the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5)* on Wednesday, 15 November 2000, in the morning, in Conference Room 6, following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Second Committee. The formal meeting of the resumed substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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* To be issued.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 15 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

51st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yemen, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Croatia, Canada, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Bhutan, Algeria, Eritrea, Ghana (on behalf of a number of Western African countries) and Thailand.

The representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to the United Nations made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 109.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Armenia, Nepal, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Azerbaijan and Eritrea.

52nd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.35

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Paraguay and Sri Lanka, introduced the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.43**

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Morocco, the Niger and Sri Lanka, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.47

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guinea and Namibia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.48

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Angola, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, Madagascar, Mali, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.52

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Canada and Morocco, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.56

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.60

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Albania, Brazil, Ecuador, Malta and New Zealand, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.49

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia, Latvia and Malta, introduced the draft resolution, and announced that the Czech Republic should not have been listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.50

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, New Zealand, Norway and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.64

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belarus announced that Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, Cuba joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Belarus orally revised the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.26/Rev.1

Following a statement read out by the Secretary in connection with the revised draft resolution, the representative of Canada made a statement.

The representative of Nigeria announced that Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, Albania, Andorra, Belarus, Croatia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Monaco and San Marino joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria orally revised the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/55/L.63

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.3/55/L.63 submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Belize, Benin, Panama, Senegal, Togo and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Moldova and Côte d'Ivoire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Australia orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Albania, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Mozambique, Myanmar, the Niger, Paraguay and Senegal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Malawi and Micronesia (Federated States of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.39

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution, after which the representative of Canada made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Japan announced that Malta had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cambodia.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Brazil announced that Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Malaysia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Jordan had withdrawn as a sponsor

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, Brazil and Algeria after which the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Chile made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 94 to 2, with 64 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Mexico and the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Mauritania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.54

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution after which the representative of Canada made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Belgium announced that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, the Republic of Moldova and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Cameroon, Croatia, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Panama, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Peru announced that the Congo, Indonesia, Malaysia, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malta, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sierra Leone, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.57

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution, after which statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Pakistan, India and Cuba.

The representative of Botswana orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution a statement was made by the representative of Japan (also on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.58

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Botswana made a statement and announced that El Salvador had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Botswana made a statement and announced that El Salvador had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 103 to 46, with 8 abstentions.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral correction that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Sweden announced that Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta and the Netherlands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Albania and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

fter the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/221)

Friday, 10 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4217th (closed) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4217th meeting, held in private on 10 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, President of the Palestinian Authority.

"The members of the Council and His Excellency President Yasser Arafat had a constructive discussion."

4218th (closed) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4218th meeting, held in private on 10 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the representative of Israel had a constructive discussion."

4219th meeting

Briefing by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, Argentina, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Tunisia, Bangladesh, China, Canada, Malaysia, Mali, Ukraine, Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provided clarifications in response to the comments and questions by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

57th plenary meeting

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/350 and Add.1) [30]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Brazil, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Algeria, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, Cameroon, Norway, Bangladesh and Egypt.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted on this item at a later date.

58th plenary meeting

Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [44]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/387)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.28)

The representative of Lesotho made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia and Bulgaria.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.28 (resolution 55/21).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 44.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: draft resolution (A/55/L.6/Rev.1) [180]

H.E. Mr. Santiago Nsobeya Efuman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.6/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and Gabon.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.6/Rev.1 (resolution 55/22).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 180.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Singapore, Cuba, Kuwait, Belarus, Argentina, Tunisia, New Zealand and Pakistan.

The Committee suspended the consideration of the item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.16

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.10.

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Norway and Turkey) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.11.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/55/L.12 to L.16 and made an oral revision to A/C.4/55/L.14.

A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.10

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.10, by a recorded vote of 123 to 1, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.11

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.11 without a vote.

A/C.4/55/L.12

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.12, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.13

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.13, by a recorded vote of 123 to none, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.14

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.14, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.15

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.15, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.16

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.16, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 84.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

A/C.4/55/L.17 to L.21

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/55/L.17, L.18, L.19, L.20 and L.21.

A/C.4/55/L.17

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.17, by a recorded vote of 68 to 2, with 53 abstentions.

A/C.4/55/L.18

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.18, by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.19

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.19, by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.20

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.20, by a recorded vote of 123 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.21

Lebanon, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.21, by a recorded vote of 123 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Australia and France (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observer of Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that in accordance with its programme of work and timetable the next item for consideration would be agenda item 87 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 54th and 55th meetings

Note The summary of the 54th and 55th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/221).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 26th meeting

United Nations common system [124]

United Nations pension system [125]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the report of the Commission (A/55/30).

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Pension Board introduced the report of the Board (A/55/9).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report on the United Nations pension system (A/55/481).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the investments of the United Nations Staff Pension Fund (A/C.5/55/3).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/526).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, statements were then made by the President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Monday, 13 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers for this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway), the United States, China, the Russian Federation and Tunisia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 26th meeting

Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly [171]

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 171.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.13

The representative of Brazil introduced the draft resolution.

France, Panama and Spain joined as sponsors while Saint Vincent and the Grenadines withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 171.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Algeria, South Africa, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Portugal, Burkina Faso, Belgium, Guatemala, Greece, Denmark and Yemen.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 172.

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [154]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/55/L.10

The Committee adopted without a vote the draft decision, as amended by the Chairman at the 25th meeting.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 154.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

The representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 (and Corr.1).

Burkina Faso, Guatemala and France joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2001 PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly (Finland) opened the meeting and made a statement. The Director for Communications and Information, UNHCR, made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Algeria, Hungary, Sweden, Turkey, Norway, Finland, Mexico, Austria, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Germany, Liechtenstein, China, the United States and Morocco.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Monaco, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

A closing statement was made by the Director for Communications and Information, UNHCR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritania
H.E. Mr. Mahfoudh Ould Deddach

Asian States:
Kyrgyzstan
H.E. Ms.Elmira S. Ibraimova

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Mr. Ernest Petrič

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Jr.

Western European and other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

UNIFIL (S/2000/1049)

Sierra Leone

Solomon Islands

Other matters

Morning*	4221st meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2000/1023)

3.30 p.m.	4222nd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

3.30 p.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Hearings of the following experts: Professor Serhiy Berezovenko, Ukrainian Institute for International Relations, Kiev National University; Dr. Tono Eitel, Ambassador and former Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; and Professor Tim Niblock, Head, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (London)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	61st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Election of one member of the Economic and Social Council: letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/523) [15 (b)]
2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft decision (A/55/L.4) [18]
3. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/55/L.31) [45]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [87] (A/55/21 and A/55/452)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conf R

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/C.5/55/16))

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Hum sources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, 168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/ A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/ A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP A/C.5/55/CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Ov Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); Report Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514); and Mana irregularities causing financial losses to the Organizatio under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Tru Council C

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164 37, A/55/179 and Add.1 and A/C.6/55/L.2)

Status of the Protocole additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.15

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 (and Corr.1)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 under agenda item 159 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session)

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 14 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.2 (item 92 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.20 (item 95 (b)), from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 14 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

Announcement

There will be a meeting of the Friends of the Secretary-General for Kosovo *today*, 14 November 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 14 November 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 97 (Training and Research), 100 (Globalization and interdependence) and 101 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

2 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 101 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and 102 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(environmental issues and agenda item 95 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) 99 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) and on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19))

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" *today*, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held *today*, 14 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/237) [8]

10 a.m.	62nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]: for the sole purpose of taking action on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto:

   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/55/383 and Add.1)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/383, paragraph 121)

2. Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]

   (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet on 15 and 16 November 2000, in Conference Room 7, as follows: Wednesday, 15 November, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (11th meeting), to hear Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III) and representatives of the Secretariat; and Thursday, 16 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting), to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 15 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.66

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan, Kuwait and Panama, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.67

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Cameroon and Micronesia (Federated States of), introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.68

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brazil, Netherlands, Portugal and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.69

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brazil, Guinea, Netherlands, Slovenia and Tajikistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.70

The representative of Mauritania, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group of States and on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Bangladesh, Colombia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United States of America, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.2

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.51/Rev.1

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Canada, Iceland and San Marino, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.62/Rev.1

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan and Monaco, introduced the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.18/Rev.2

The representative of Uruguay made a statement, announced that Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Togo, Turkey, Uganda and Viet Nam had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution, and orally corrected the text.

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement in connection with the revised draft resolution.

Burundi, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nepal, the Niger, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Canada, Fiji, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Algeria, the Sudan, Australia and Pakistan.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.31/Rev.1

The Secretary made an oral statement in connection with the revised draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada announced that Argentina, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Namibia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and the Ukraine joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution, and further orally revised the revised draft resolution.

Albania, Belgium, Croatia, Fiji, Finland, Malta, Panama and the Republic of Moldova joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Australia.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.34

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Indonesia and Oman had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that the Marshall Islands had been erroneously listed on the document as sponsor of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burkina Faso, Chad and the Congo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Japan and Chile.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Mozambique had joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 151 to none, with 9 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Singapore.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Lesotho regarding their votes.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Romania orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Niger, Nigeria and Sri Lanka had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Fiji, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Panama and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by Romania and Poland (on behalf of a number of countries).

The representatives of the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, China and the Sudan made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 145 to none, with 14 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Algeria, Singapore and Viet Nam.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Hungary, France (on behalf of the European Union), Japan (also on behalf Andorra, Australia, Canada, Norway, New Zealand and San Marino) and Romania.

A statement was made by the representative of Ghana regarding her vote.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.43**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Nigeria had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Azerbaijan, Benin, Panama and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairperson suspended the meeting.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Brazil orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Mauritius and Solomon Islands had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Benin and Honduras had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Guyana (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jahamariya.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France announced that Australia and Norway joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally corrected the English and French texts.

A statement was made by the representative of Yemen.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 58 to 53 with 48 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Algeria and Pakistan.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Chile, Philippines, Thailand, Brazil, Guinea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.50

The committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France announced that Kuwait and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, and orally corrected the French text.

A statement was made by the representative of Iraq.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 89 to 2 with 56 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan and Egypt.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the Syrian Arab Republic, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.65

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.65, submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Friday, 10 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 54th and 55th meetings

Note The summary of the 54th and 55th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/222)

Monday, 13 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4220th meeting

Ensuring an effective role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chairman of the Security Council Working Group on the Brahimi Report addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1084)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1085, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/1085).

Decision. The draft resolution (S/2000/1085) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1327 (2000).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the United States, Bangladesh, France, Canada, the Russian Federation, Argentina, the United Kingdom, China, Tunisia, Malaysia, Ukraine, Namibia and Mali, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

59th plenary meeting

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/492/Rev.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.30)

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.30.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Belarus, India, Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Malaysia, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Azerbaijan, Indonesia and Iraq.

60th plenary meeting

United Nations year of dialogue among civilizations [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/492/Rev.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.30)

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar, Cyprus, Bangladesh, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Lithuania, Mongolia, Israel and the Republic of Korea.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.30 (resolution 55/23).

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 32.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 25th meeting

Questions relating to information [87]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/55/452.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

The representative of Indonesia, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/55/21).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western Group including Member States of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Yemen.

A statement was made by the representative of UNESCO.

On the proposal of the Acting Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Organization of work

The representative of Guyana made a statement.

26th meeting

Questions relating to information [87]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Cuba, the United States, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Central African Republic and Guinea.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

FIFTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Results-based budgeting

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Cuba, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin Thursday, 16 November, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michiel Crom (Netherlands).

United Nations common system [124]

United Nations pension system [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group) and the United States.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/55/482.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/516).

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab Group) made a statement.

The Chairman announced that the continuation of the general discussion on agenda item 138 (b) would be held on Thursday, 16 November, in the afternoon.

The representative of Lebanon also made a statement on a point of clarification.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on terrorism, Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka), introduced the report of the Working Group A/C.6/55/L.2.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, France (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Russian Federation, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Turkey, Qatar and Egypt.

Statement was also made by Israel in the exercise of the right of reply.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.15.

Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Finland, Guinea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. Geneva, 28 July 1951

Accession: Trinidad and Tobago (10 November 2000)*

Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. New York, 31 January 1967

Accession: Trinidad and Tobago (10 November 2000)*

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. Geneva, 21 October 1982

Accession: Romania (10 November 2000)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Bahamas (10 November 2000)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Cambodia (10 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will take place on 16 and 17 November 2000. The Forum will be opened by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Following opening statements by Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly, Mr. Makarim Wibisono, President of the Economic and Social Council, and H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, the Forum will engaged in a dialogue with the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. The Forum will then hold a discussion on "How Are Television and News Media Bridging the Digital Divide?" Workshops/roundtables on innovative programming in news and education will be held in the afternoon, followed by a roundtable on television and social advocacy. The Forum will continue on Friday, 17 November, in the morning, with additional workshops and a roundtable devoted to innovative programming in sports, the radio model and digital visionaries. The closing meeting of the Forum will take place in the afternoon. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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